THE SCRIPTVRES CONCORD: OR A Catechisme, compiled out of the words of Scripture,

wherein is the summe of the way of Salvation, and spirituall things compared with spirituall.

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TO THE READER.

Honeſt Reader,

TWO things moved me to publiſh this little Catechiſme; First, my ingagement by promiſe, and duty to my dear chriſtian friends of Dartford in Kent, whoſe hopefull and forward children I taught herein, for whom chiefly I intended it, and for whoſe uſe I now leave it; being called away before I could perfect them in it. Secondly, having finiſhed it in Engliſh, to tranſlate it into Welſh, for my dear and ſoule-hungring Countrey-men, who have not to my knowledge any, excepting one (if one) of this nature; nay, far worſe, have not of godly able Welſh Miniſters, nit one for a County, nor one Welſh Bible for five hundred Families, although in ſome parts where the Goſpel came, they far and neere preſſed

unto it, night and day, by violence took it, and through tribulations were followers of it, they are not so soule-full, but they will prize the least trumme herein, (and the rather, because it is onely the Scripture which they diligently learn and examine). Couldest thou heare their groanes for Bibles and Teachers, and see their grace and growth without them, thou wouldest by thy prayers, purse, perswasion, and power, indevour to supply them therewith. If thou readest no further, yet remember Wales spirituall wants:

Thine and the Saints
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THE Scriptures CONCORD:

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Q. *WHat should you doe in the dayes of your youth?*

A. Remember my Creator, *Eccles.* 12. 1.

Q. *Who created you?*

A. God created man. *Gen.* 1. 27.

Q. *Is there but one God?*

A. There is but one God. 1 *Cor.* 8. 6.

Q. *But doth not the scripture say that there are three in heaven?*

A. There are three that beare witnesse in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the holy Spirit, and these three are one, 1 John 5. 7.

Q. *How can these be three, and yet but one God?*

A. Great is the mystery, the Sonne in the Father, and the Father in the Sonne, and the Spirit of truth which is sent by the Father and the Sonne, John 14. 11. with 15. 26 and 14. 26.

Q.

Q. *Hath any one ever seene God the Father?*

A. No man hath seene God the Father at any time, the onely begotten Sonne who is in the bosome of the Father he hath declared him, John 1. 18.

Q. *How did Christ declare him?*

A. He was God manifested in the flesh, 1 Tim. 3. 13.

Q. *Is it needfull for you to know God the Father and Jesus Christ?*

A. Yes, This is life eternall that they might know thee the onely true God, and Iesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Ioh. 17. 3.

Q. *But doe not all know there is one God?*

A. No. The foole hath said in his heart there is no God, Psal. 14. 1.

Q. *But he will say there is a God?*

A. Yet all his thoughts are there is no God, Psal. 10. 4.

Q. *But doe not all the wise men of the world know God?*

A. No, the world by wisedome know not God, 1 Cor. 1. 21.

Q. *But these professe that they know God?*

A. Yes, They professe that they know God, but in workes they deny him, Tit. 1. 16.

Q. *Then all they that seeme to know God, doe not know him?*

A. No, he that saith he knoweth God, and keepeth not his Commandements, is a lyar,

lyar, and the truth is not in him, 1 Ioh. 2.4.

Q. *How then ſhall thoſe that are ſaved, come to know God?*

A. They ſhall be all taught of God, Iohn 6. 45.

Q. *What is God?*

A. A Spirit, Iohn 4. 24.

Q. *Hath he ever been, and will be ever be God?*

A. From everlaſting to everlaſting he is God, Pſal. 90. 2.

Q. *Is there any change in God?*

A. No, In him is no variableneſſe, nor ſhadow of turning, Iam. 1. 17.

Q. *Can God be compared to any?*

A. To whom will you liken me, or ſhall I be equall, ſaith the holy One? Iſai. 40.25.

Q. *Is there any like God?*

A. He ſaith, I am God, and there is none like me, Iſai. 46. 9.

Q. *But is not Chriſt like him?*

A. Yes, He is the Image of the inviſible God, Col. 1. 15.

Q. *How is he the Image of God?*

A. In him dwelleth all the fulneſſe of the Godhead bodily, Col. 2.9.

Q. *Is Chriſt then equall with God?*

A. Yes, He being in the forme of God, thought it not robbery to be equall with God, Phil. 2.6.

Q.

Q. *Should Christ then be honoured as much as the Father?*

A. Yes, all men should honour the Sonne even as they honour the Father. John 5.23.

Q. *Why so?*

A. Because he is the man Gods fellow, Zach. 13.7.

Q. *How can he be Gods fellow being man?*

A. Before the beginning he was with God, and was God. John 1.1.

Q. *But was Christ before he came in the flesh?*

A. Yes, he was set up from everlasting, before the beginning, or ever the earth was, Prov. 8.23.

Q. *What did God doe before he made this world?*

A. He chose some in Christ Jesus. Ephes. 1.4.

Q. *For what end?*

A. To be to the praise of the glory of his grace, Ephes. 1.6.

Q. *Is that certaine that God hath elected me?*

A. Yes sure, see Matth. 24.22.24.31. Rom. 8.33. & 9.11. 1 Tim. 5.21. & 2.2.10. 1 Pet. 1.2. & 2.1.10. 2 Thes. 2.13.

Q. *To what hath God chosen them?*

A. To obtaine salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 1 Thes. 5.9.

Q.

Q. *Are those whom God chose in Christ Jesus sure to be saved?*

A. Yes, The foundation of God standeth sure: having this seale, The Lord knoweth them that are his, 2 Tim. 2. 19.

Q. *How are they sure to be saved?*

A. Because God that cannot lye promised it before the world began, Tit. 1. 2.

Q. *Upon what ground did God promise salvation?*

A. Upon this ground, That Christ should make his soule an offering for sin, Isa. 53. 10.

Q. *Was it then concluded upon, that Christ should dye?*

A. Yes, and therefore he is said to be slaine from the foundation of the world, Rev. 13. 8.

Q. *Then God did purpose that such as should be saved, should be saved through Christ?*

A. Yes, he purposed it, and gave his grace in Christ Jesus to them before the world began, 2. Tim. 1. 9.

Q. *How was that?*

A. God for his sake loved them with an everlasting love, Ierem. 31. 3.

Q. *Tell me now which was first, Christ or the creature?*

A. Christ is the first borne of every creature, Col. 1. 15.

Q. *Doe you meane that Christ was borne before the world was made?*

A. No, But that God his Father appointed him heire of all things, and ſealed him to be Mediatour, Heb. 1. 2. Iohn 6. 27.

Q. *How prove you that Chriſt was before all creatures?*

A. Becauſe by him all things were made, Iohn 1. 3.

Q. *Did not God the Father make all things?*

A. Yes, He created all things by Jeſus Chriſt, Epheſ. 3. 9.

Q. *For whom did God make all things?*

A. The Lord made all things for himſelfe, Prov. 16. 4.

Q. *Were all things that God made good?*

A. Yes, Gen. 1. 10. 12. 18. 21. 25.

Q. *Who was the firſt man that was made?*

A. Adam, 1 Cor. 15. 47.

Q. *Of what was he made?*

A. Of the duſt of the ground, Gen. 27.

Q. *In whoſe likeneſſe made he him?*

A. In his owne likeneſſe, Gen. 5. 1.

Q. *How was that?*

A. Vpright, Eccleſ. 7. 29.

Q. *Did Adam abide ſo?*

A. No, he ſought out many inventions, Eccleſ. 7. 29.

Q. *What did Adam doe?*

A. He diſobeyed God, Rom. 5. 19.

Q. *What came by Adams diſobedience?*

A. Death.

Q.

Q. *Upon whom?*

A. Vpon all.

Q. *Why so?*

A. Becauſe all ſinned in him.

Q. *Did that one ſin bring judgment upon all?*

A. Yes, by that one offence judgement came upon all men to condemnation, Rom. Rom. 5. 18.

Q. *Are you then made a ſinner by Adams ſin?*

A. Yes, By that one mans offence all are made ſinners, Rom. 5. 19.

Q. *How elſe are you a ſinner?*

A. Behold, I was ſhapen in iniquity, and in ſinne did my mother conceive me, Pſal. 51. 5

Q. *What doe all doe as ſoon as they are borne?*

A. They goe aſtray as ſoone as they be borne ſpeaking lies, Pſal. 58 3.

Q. *But how can a child ſinne?*

A. Sin is bound in the heart of a child, Prov. 22. 15.

Q. *Is the heart then ſinnefull?*

A. All the purpoſes and deſires of mans heart are on ely evill every day, Gen. 6. 5.

Q. *Then there is much evill in you, but is there any good in you?*

A. In me d welleth no good thing, Rom. 7. 18.

Q. *But are all ſo bad?*

A. Thereis none that doeth good, no not one, Rom. 3 12.

Q.

Q. *What then is the condition of all?*

A. All the world are become guilty before God, Rom. 3. 19.

Q. *Can any be saved in that condition?*

A. No, All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, Rom. 3. 23.

Q. *But is there not any one in the world without sinne?*

A. No, there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good, & sinneth not, Eccle. 7. 20.

Q. *But cannot any be justified by their works?*

A. No, By the works of the Law no flesh can be justified in Gods sight, Rom. 3. 20.

Q. *Why cannot one that doeth his best to keepe the Law be justified thereby?*

A. Because whosoever keepeth the whole Law, and yet offendeth in one point, he is guilty of all, Jam. 2. 20.

Q. *Then if you breake the Law but once, you are very miserable?*

A. Yes, For it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the Booke of the Law to doe them, Gal. 3. 10.

Q. *How then can you be saved?*

A. Not by the works of righteousnesse which we have done, but according to his mercy he saveth us, Tit. 3. 5.

Q. *How is that?*

A. God according to his promise raised

unto

nto us a Saviour Jesus, Acts 13.

Q. *What was he?*

A. God with us, Matth. 1. 23.

Q. *Whose Sonne was he?*

A. The onely Sonne of God, Luke 1. 35.

Q. *How do you know he was the Sonne of God?*

A. Because God said of him, Thou art y Sonne, Matth. 3. 17.

Q. *How else?*

A. He was declared to be so by his power, Rom. 1. 4.

Q. *Was Christ man also?*

A. Yes, 1 Tim. 2. 5.

Q. *How was he made man?*

A. A Virgin did conceive and beare him, Isai. 7. 14. Matth. 1. 23.

Q. *How could a Virgin conceive and beare?*

A. She was with Child by the Holy Ghost, Matth. 1. 18. Luke 1. 25.

Q. *Was not Joseph married unto Mary, Christs Mother?*

A. Yes, yet he knew her not till she had brought forth her first borne Sonne, and called his name *Jesus*, Matth. 1. 25.

Q. *Why is Christ called the Sonne of David?*

A. Because he was made of the Seede of *David* according to the flesh, Rom. 1. 3.

Q. *From what Tribe did Christ spring?*

A. It is evident our Lord sprang out of out of *Judah*, Heb. 7. 14.

Q.

Q. *Where was he borne?*

A. In *Bethlehem*, Mat. 2. 1. Ioh. 7. 42. Mic. 5. 2.

Q. *When was Christ borne?*

A. When the fulneſſe of time appointed by the Father was come, Gal. 4. 2. 4.

Q. *What manner of man was Christ made?*

A. He was made in the likeneſſe of other men, Philip. 2. 7.

Q. *Was he in all things like other men?*

A. Yes, he was in all points tempted as we are, yet without ſinne, Heb. 4. 15.

Q. *Why was he ſo made?*

A. That he might be a merciſull and faithfull high Prieſt in all things pertaining unto God, to make reconciliation for the ſinnes of the people, Heb. 2. 17.

Q. *Was Christ in this world?*

A. Yes, he was in the world, Iohn 1. 10.

Q. *What did he doe in the world?*

A. He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppreſſed of the Devill for God was with him, Acts 10. 38.

Q. *Did Christ commit any ſin in the world?*

A. No, He did no ſinne, neither was guile found in his mouth, 1 Pet. 2. 22.

Q. *But was he not made ſinne?*

A. Yes, for us, 2 Cor. 5. 21.

Q. *How was that?*

A. He bare our ſinnes in his owne body, 1 Pet. 2. 24.

Q.

Q. *Why ſhould he bear our ſinnes?*

A. Becauſe he was made a Surety for us, Heb. 7. 22.

Q. *What did Chriſt doe as our Surety?*

A. He dyed for our ſinnes, 1 Cor. 15. 3.

Q. *What death did he dye?*

A. The death of the Croſſe, Phil. 2. 8.

Q. *What death was that?*

A. A curſed death, for it is written, Curſed is every one that hangeth on a Tree, Gal. 3. 13.

Q. *By whom was Chriſt delivered to death?*

A. By the determinate counſell and foreknowledge of God, Acts 2. 23.

Q. *Who were the men that put Chriſt to death?*

A. The dwellers at Jeruſalem, and their Rulers, Though they found no cauſe of death in him, yet deſired they *Pilate* that he ſhould be ſlaine, Acts 13. 27, 28:

Q. *But did not your ſinnes helpe to put Chriſt to death?*

A. Yes, He was wounded for our tranſgreſſions, and bruiſed for our ſins, Iſai. 53 5

Q. *Did Chriſt beare the wrath of God?*

A. Yes, The Wrath of God did lie hard on him, Pſal. 88: 7.

Q. *How doth that appeare?*

A. Becauſe he hath delivered us from the Wrath to come, 1 Theſ. 1. 10.

Q. *Was there no other to helpe us, but onely Christ?*

A. No, he looked and there was none to helpe, Isai. 63. 5.

Q. *Could not the Law make men perfect?*

A. No, The Law made nothing perfect, Heb. 7. 19. and 10. 11. Rom. 8. 3.

Q. *Was it needfull for Christ to have a body?*

A Yes, It was of necessity, that this man had somewhat to offer, Heb. 8. 3.

Q. *Why could not Christ save us and not dy?*

A. Because without shedding of bloud, there was no forgiveneſſe, Heb. 9. 23.

Q. *What did Christ intend in laying downe his life?*

A. To give it for a ransome for many, Matth. 20. 28. Heb. 9 18.

Q *For whom did Christ dye?*

A. For the ungodly, Rom. 5. 6.

Q *For whom did Christ give himselfe chiefly and effectually?*

A. For his Church, Eph. 5. 25. Acts 20. 28.

Q. *Why did Christ give himselfe for his Church?*

A. Because he loved it, Ephes. 5. 25.

Q. *What were you when Christ dyed for you?*

A Sinners, Rom. 5. 8.

Q. *What kinde of Sinners?*

A. We were without Christ, strangers from the Common-wealth of *Israel*, and strang-

ſtrangers from the Covenant of promiſe without hope, and without God in the world, Epheſ. 2. 12.

Q. *What did Chriſt doe by dying?*

A. He did reconcile both *Jews* & *Gentiles* unto God his Father, Eph. 2. 16. Rom. 5. 10.

Q. *What doe you meane by Chriſt reconciling us unto God his Father?*

A. That now in Chriſt Jeſus, We who ſometimes were a farre off, are made nigh by the bloud of Chriſt, Epheſ. 2. 13.

Q *But was God the Father willing to be reconciled?*

A. Yes, He was reconciling the world unto himſelfe, not imputing their ſinnes unto them, 2 Cor. 5. 19.

Q. *How oft did Chriſt offer himſelfe?*

A. Once in the end of the world, Heb. 9. 26.

Q *Is there any more ſacrifice to be offered for ſinne?*

A. No, There is no more offering for ſinne, Heb. 10. 18.

Q. *Hath Chriſt then offered a perfect ſacrifice?*

A. Yes, by that one ſacrifice, he hath perfected for ever them that are ſanctified, Heb. 10. 14.

Q. *How could the Sacrifice of Chriſt being but one, doe away the ſinnes of ſo many?*

A. Becauſe it was offered by the eter-

nall Spirit, Heb. 9. 14.

Q. *Can they be condemned for whom Christ dyed?*

A. No, Who is he that condemneth, it is Christ that dyed, yea rather that is risen againe, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us, Rom. 8. 34.

Q. *Now Christ is gone into heaven, what hath he obtained?*

A. Eternall Redemption, Heb. 9. 12.

Q. *From what hath Christ redeemed you?*

A. From the curse of the Law, Gal. 3. 13. Rom. 7 6.

Q. *Cannot the Law require perfect obedience of you?*

A. No, Christ is the end of the Law for righteousnesse to every one that beleeveth, Rom. 10. 4.

Q. *What must you doe to be saved?*

A. beleeve on the L. Jesus Christ, Act. 16. 31.

Q. *Why should you beleeve in Jesus Christ?*

A. Because it is Gods Commandement, 1 John 3. 23.

Q. *What must you beleeve?*

A. That Christ loved me, and gave himselfe for me, Gal. 2. 20.

Q. *Why doe you beleeve that he died for you?*

A. Because he died for the ungodly, Rom. 5. 6.

Q.

Q. *What ground is that for you to beleeve?*

A. Becauſe Chriſt juſtifieth the ungodly, Rom. 4. 5.

Q. *Muſt you then as a ſinner looke to be juſtified by Chriſt?*

A. Yes, While we ſeeke to be juſtified by Chriſt, we our ſelves alſo are found ſinners, Gal. 2. 17.

Q. *Doe you not preſume, being ſuch a ſinner, to beleeve in Chriſt?*

A. No, but ſubmit unto the righteouſneſſe of God *Rom.* 10. 3.

Q *Shall you not be ſhamed for this your beleeving on Chriſt?*

A. No, for the Scripture ſaith, whoſoever beleeveth on him, ſhal not be aſhamed, *Ro.* 10. 11.

Q *What danger is there to him that believeth not?*

A. He that believeth not ſhall be damned, *Mar.* 16. 16.

Q *What benefit hath he that beleeveth?*

A. He receiveth the forgiveneſſe of his ſins, *Act.* 10. 43.

Q. *Are any of a beleevers ſins unforgiven?*

A. No, hee that beleeveth is juſtified from all things, *Act.* 13. 39.

Q. *Do not all believe?*

A. No, all men have not faith, 2 *Theſ.* 3. 3.

Q. *Why do not all beleeve on Chriſt?*

A. Becauſe al do not hear of him, *Rom.* 10. 14

Q. *But was not the Goſpell preached to more then doe beleeve?*

A. Yes, but they have not all obeyed the Goſpel, *Rom.*10.16.

Q. *What hindred them then to beleeve?*

A. The devil hath blinded the minds of them which beleeve not, leaſt the light of the glorious Goſpel of Chriſt, who is the image of God ſhould ſhine unto them, 2 *Cor.*4.4.

Q. *Can you of your ſelfe beleeve?*

A. No, faith is the gift of God, *Eph.*2.8.

Q. *How doth it appear that you cannot believe?*

A. Becauſe wee are not ſufficient of our ſelves to think any thing as of our ſelves: but our ſufficiency is of God, 2 *Cor.*3.5.

Q. *Are you of your ſelfe willing to beleeve?*

A. No, it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do, *Phil.*2.13.

Q. *Hath God promiſed that you ſhall beleeve on Chriſt?*

A. Yes he ſaith in his Name ſhall the Gentiles truſt, *Mat.*12.21. ſee *Joh.*6.37. & 12.32.

Q. *How were you brought to beleeve?*

A. By hearing the word of the Goſpell, *Rom.*10.15.

Q. *What part of the Goſpel did you then hear?*

A. Concerning Jeſus Chriſt and him crucified, 1 *Cor.*2.2.

Q. *What did you receive in the Goſpel?*

A. The Spirit, *Gal.*3.2. *Act.*10.44.

Q. *How were you after you had received the Spirit?*

A.

A. Willing, *Pſal.*110.3.

Q. *What did you then?*

A. I cried Lord what wilt thou have me to do? *Act.* 9.6.

Q. *What did God doe further for you?*

A. Hee granted mee repentance unto life, *Act.*11.18.

Q. *What is it to repent?*

A. To turne to God, *Act.*26.20.

Q. *What moved you to repent?*

A. Chriſts calling ſinners to repentance, *Mat.*9.13.

Q. *Was it his juſtice or goodneſſe that did moſt move you to repent?*

A. His goodneſſe, *Rom.*2.4.

Q. *How was that?*

A. I looked on him whom I had pierced, *Zach* 12.10.

Q. *What did that work in you?*

A. Sorrow becauſe of him, *Rev.*1.7.

Q. *What kind of ſorrow was it?*

A. Godly ſorrow,2 *Cor.*7.10.

Q. *Do you acknowledge your ſin?*

A. Yea I acknowledge my tranſgreſſion, and my ſin is ever before me, *Pſal.*51.3.

Q. *How do you acknowledge your ſin?*

A. I ſay unto God, Father I have ſinned againſt heaven, and againſt thee, I am no more worthy to be called thy Sonne, *Luk.*15.21.

Q. *But do you know your vile condition by nature?*

A. Behold I am vile, what ſhall I anſwer, *Job.*40.4.

Q. *What do you do now you ſee your vilenes?*

A. I hate my my ſelf in my owne ſight for all the evils I have committed, *Ezek.*20.43.

Q. *What change beſides do you find in you?*

A. The body is dead, becauſe of ſinne, but the ſpirit is life becauſe of righteouſneſſe, *Rom.*8.10.

Q. *But are you without ſin?*

A. If we ſay that we have no ſinne, we deceive our ſelves, and there is no truth in us, 1 *Joh.*1.8.

Q. *Doth your ſinne trouble you?*

A. Oh wretched man that I am, who ſhal deliver me from this body of death, *Rom.* 7.24.

Q. *What do you conſider when you ſinne?*

A. That we have an Advocate with the Father Jeſus Chriſt the righteous, 1 *Joh.*2.1.

Q. *What promiſe doe you looke on when you have ſinned?*

A. God ſaith, I will bee mercifull to their unrighteouſneſſe: and their ſins, and their iniquities will I remember no more, *Heb.*8.12.

Q. *But doth not the law take hold on you after you have ſinned?*

A.

A. No, for what the law ſaith, it ſaith to them that are under the law, *Rom.* 3 19.

Q. But are you not under the Law?

A. No, I am become dead to the law by the body of Chriſt, *Rom* 6.4.

Q. Do you deny the uſe of the law?

A. No, the law is holy, and the Commandment holy, and juſt, and good, *Rom.*7 12.

Q. Did you ever find any benefit by the law?

A. O yes, for I had not known luſt, except the Commandment had ſaid thou ſhalt not covet, *Rom.*7.7.

Q. What other benefit did you gain by the law?

A. Sinne by the Commandement, became exceeding ſinfull, *Rom.*7 13.

Q. But now you being a beleever are you at all under the law?

A. Yes, under the law to Chriſt, 1 *Cor.*9.21.

Q. How is that?

A. I am bound to ſerve Chriſt in newneſſe of ſpirit, and not in the oldneſſe of the letter, *Rom.*7.6.

Q. Cleare that?

A. Being now delivered out of the hands of my enemies, I am to ſerve him without fear in holineſſe and righteouſnes all the daies of my life, *Luk.*17.4.

Q. What moves you to ſerve Chriſt?

A. The love of Chriſt, 2 *Cor.*5.14.

Q.

Q. How do you find Christs Commandments?

A. Easie, and not grievous, *Matth.* 11. 29. 1 *Joh.* 5 3.

Q. Doe you fulfill the righteousnesse of the law?

A. Yes, the righteousnesse of the law is fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit, *Rom.* 8.4.

Q. What law do you fulfill?

A. The Royall law, *Jam.* 2.8.

Q. What law is that?

A. Love, *Mat.* 22.37.

Q. Who do you love?

A. God, and his children, 1 *Joh.* 5.22.

Q. Do you by love fulfill the law?

A. Yes, Love is the fulfilling of the Law, *Rom.* 13.10.

Q. But is the whole law comprehended in loving God, and his children?

A. Yes, upon these two Commandements, hangeth the Law, and the Prophets, *Matth.* 22.40.

Q. *How do you know you doe not depend upon keeping these Commandements?*

A. Because I see all my righteousnes as filthy ragges, *Esa.* 64.6.

Q. *But have you not your joy and peace from your keeping these Commandements?*

A. No, but by beleeving, *Rom.* 15.13.

Q.

Q. *Are you able to beleeve that Christ is yours, and you are his?*

A. Yes, my beloved is mine, and I am his, *Cant.*2.16.

Q. *How do you know that?*

A. By the ſpirit which hee hath given us, 1 *Joh.*3.24.

Q. *What doth that ſpirit?*

A. Beare witneſſe with our ſpirits that we are the children of God, *Rom.*8.16.

Q. *Doth not your own heart condemne you?*

A. No.

Q. *What ſigne is that?*

A. That we have liberty to God, 1 *Joh.*3.21.

Q. *What to do?*

A. To call him Father, *Gal.*4.6.

Q. *But were you aſſured at your firſt beleeving, or ſince?*

A. Since we beleeved we were ſealed with the holy ſpirit of promiſe, *Eph.*1.13.

Q. *But what fruit of the ſpirit do you find in you?*

A. Love, joy, peace, long-ſuffering, gentleneſſe, goodneſſe, faith, meekneſſe, temperance, *Gal.*5.22.23.

Q. *But do you not ſtill feare your condition?*

A. No, God hath not given us the ſpirit of fear, but of power, love, and a ſound minde, 2 *Tim.*1.7.

Q.

Q. *Why, are you never tempted to doubt?*

A. Yes, but this is my infirmity, *Psa.*77.10.

Q. *What do you doe when you are tempted to doubt?*

A. I ſtagger not at the promiſe of God through unbeliefe, *Rom.*4.20.

Q. *How can you believe when you ſee nothing but ſinne in you?*

A. Faith is the evidence of things not ſeen, *Heb.*11.1.

Q. *How then do you live?*

A. By faith, *Heb.*10.38.

Q. *How is that?*

A. I am confident that nothing is able to ſeparate me from the love of God, which is in Chriſt Jeſus my Lord, *Rom.*8.38.39.

Q. *How doe you know that God will continue to love you?*

A. Becauſe he having loved his own, loved them to the end, *Ioh.*13.1.

Q. *How elſe?*

A. Chriſt promiſeth wee ſhall abide in his love, *Ioh.*15.10

Q. *But may you not commit ſin, and ſo fall away?*

A. But the Lord is faithful, who will ſtabliſh us, and keep up from evill, 2 *Theſ.*3.3.

Q. *What if you do fall?*

A. Though we fall, yet we ſhal not utterly be caſt

caſt down, for the Lord upholdeth us with his hand, *Pſa.*37.24.

Q. *But what doth the Lord do when you fall?*

A. Heale our back-ſlidings, *Hoſ.*14.4.

Q. *What Scriptures are there to prove you ſhall not fall utterly?*

A. See *Mat.*24.24. *Phil.*1.6. 1 *Pet.*1.5. *Ro.* 8.1. & 6.22. & 8.30. *Eph.*4.30. & 5.27. *Heb.* 12.2. 1 *Pet.*1.23. *Pro.*24.16. 1 *Ioh.*3.9. *Iud.v.* 24. *Mat.*7.24.25.

Q. *What promiſes are there that you ſhal not fall?*

An. See *Ioh.*10.27,28,29. & 4.14. & 3.36. & 5.24. & 6,40,47,54. & 14.16. 1 *Cor.* 1.8. 1 *Pet.*2.6. & 2.1. 10. 1 *Sam.*12.22. *Pſal.* 94.14. *Pro.*10.30.

Q. *Seeing you cannot fall from grace, may you not take liberty to ſinne?*

A. No, God forbid, *Rom.*6.15.

Q. *What then does it move you to do?*

A. To hold faſt the profeſſion of our faith without wavering, *Heb.*10.23.

Q. *What do you profeſſe?*

A. Godlineſſe, 1 *Tim.*2.10.

Q. *What is godlineſſe?*

A. A living unto God, *Gal.*2.20.

Q. *How do you live to God?*

A. By doing all to the glory of God, 1 *Cor.* 10.31.

Q. *Are all godly that profeſſe godlineſſe?*

A.

A. No, ſome have a forme of godlines, but deny the power thereof, 2 *Tim.* 3. 5.

Q. *Who have the power of godlineſſe?*

A. Thoſe who worſhip God in the ſpirit, and rejoyce in Chriſt Jeſus, and have no confidence in the fleſh, *Phil.* 3. 3.

Q. *How are ſuch outwardly knowne?*

A. They walk in all the Commandements and ordinances of the Lord blameles.

Q. *What promiſes are made to godlineſſe?*

A. Godlineſſe hath the promiſe of the life that now is, and of that which is to come, 1 *Tim.* 4. 8.

Q. *What is a ſpeciall promiſe concerning this life?*

A. That all things ſhall work together for good to them that love God, *Rom.* 8. 28.

Q. *Is it enough for you to be godly?*

A. No, but wee muſt grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, 2 *Pet.* 3. 18.

Q. *How do you grow?*

A. We forget thoſe things which are behind, and reach forth unto thoſe things which are before, *Phil.* 3. 13.

Q. *What have you already learned?*

A. I have learned in whatſoever ſtate I am therewith to be content, *Phil.* 4. 11.

Q. *What do you labour for?*

A. That whether preſent or abſent we may be

be accepted of Christ, 2 *Cor.* 5 9.

Q. *What must you look for if you live godly in Christ?*

A. To suffer persecution, 2 *Tim.* 3.12.

Q. *Why so?*

A. Because wee are appointed thereunto, 2 *Thes.* 3 3.

Q. *Why should you suffer?*

A. Because Christ suffered also for us, leaving us an example, that wee should follow his steps, 1 *Pet.* 2.21.

Q. *What care should you have in sufferings?*

A. That we suffer for well doing, and not for evill doing, 1 *Pet.* 3.17.

Q. *What comfort have you if you be called to suffer?*

A. That if we suffer for Christ, wee shall also reigne with him, 2 *Tim.* 2.12.

Q. *How should you carry your self in suffering?*

A. Full of the joy of the holy Ghost, and patience. 1 *Thes.* 1.6. *Rom.* 12.12.

Q. *But if your sufferings be great, you cannot rejoyce?*

A. Yes, as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ, 2 *Cor.* 1.5.

Q. *Are you to resist those that persecute you?*

A. No, *Mat.* 5.39.

Q. *What are you then to do?*

A.

A. To do good to them that hate us, and pray for them which deſpightfully uſe us, and perſecute us, *Mat.*5.44.

Q. *Are you afraid that you cannot ſuffer?*

A. No, for it is given us in the behalfe of Chriſt not only to beleeve, but alſo to ſuffer for his ſake, *Phil.*1.29.

Q. *But do you truſt in your own ſtrength?*

A. No, we have the ſentence of death in our ſelves, that wee ſhould not truſt in our ſelves, but in God, who raiſeth the dead, 2 *Cor.*1.9.

Q. *Muſt all men die?*

A. Yes, it is appointed unto all men once to die, *Heb.*9.27.

Q. *What becomes of thoſe that die?*

A. The body returns to the earth as it was, & the ſpirit unto God who gave it, *Eccl.*12.7.

Q. *Are the ſpirits of the godly in Heaven before the Reſurrection?*

A. Yes, the ſpirits of juſt men are made perfect, *Heb.*12.23. ſee 1 *Theſ.*4.14. *Luk.*23.43. *Act.*7.59. *Phil.*1.21.23. *Luk.*16.23.

Q. *Are the ſpirits of the wicked in hell before the Reſurrection?*

A. Yes, they ſuffer the vengeance of eternall fire. *Iude v.*7. ſee *Prov.*9.18. 2 *Pet.*2.4. *Luk.*16.23.

Q. *What do you believe concerning the reſurrection?*

A.

A. That there will be a reſurrection of the dead, both of the juſt, and unjuſt, *Act*, 24.15. ſee *Ioh.*5.28.29. & 6.44, 54. and 11. 24, 25. *Mat.*21.31.32. *Act.*4.2. and 23 6.& 24.21.1 *Cor.*6.14.& 2.4 14. *Heb* 6.2. & 11.35. *Dan.* 12.2. *Eſa.*26.12. *Iob* 19 25.26.

Q. *How are the dead raiſed?*

A. In a moment, in the twinckling of an eye, at the laſt trump, for the trumpet ſhall ſound, and the dead ſhall be raiſed, incorruptible, and we ſhall be changed, 1 *Cor.*15.52.

Q. *How will the bodies of the godly be changed?*

A. Chriſt will change them that they may be faſhioned like unto his glorious body, *Ph.*3.21

Q *How will that be?*

A. Corruption muſt put on incorruption, & this mortall muſt put on immortality, 1 *Cor.* 15 53.

Q. *What followeth the reſurrection?*

A. Eternall judgment, *Heb* 6.2.

Q. *When will the day of judgment be?*

A. Of that day and hour knoweth no man, *Mat.*24.36.

Q. *Who muſt come to judgment?*

A. All muſt appeare before the judgment ſeat of Chriſt, 2 *Cor.* 5.10.

Q. *Who will judge them?*

A. Chriſt is ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead, *Act.*10.42.

Q. *According to what must they bee judged?*

A. According to what every one hath done in the body whether it be good or bad, 2 *Cor.* 5.10.

Q. *Will every thing be brought to judgment?*

A. Yes, God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evill, *Eccl.* 12.14.

Q. *How will Christ judge?*

A. Without respect of persons, 1 *Pet.* 1.17.

Q. *But will there bee no difference made at all?*

A. Yes, betweene the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not, *Mal.* 3.18.

Q. *What will the difference be?*

A. To the righteous Christ will appear the second time without sinne to salvation, *Heb.* 9.28.

Q. *How will he appear to the wicked?*

A. In flaming fire, rendring vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospell of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 *Thes.* 1.8.

Q. *How will this difference be made manifest?*

A. Before Christ shall be gathered all Nations and he will separate one from another as a shepheard divideth his sheep from the goates, *Mat.* 25.33.

Q.

Q. *Will the godly be afraid in that day?*

A. No, they will have boldnes, 1 *Ioh.*4.17

Q. *How will it be with the wicked?*

A. They will cry to the mountaines, and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that ſitteth upon the Throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, *Rev.*6.16.

Q. *What honour ſhall the Saints then have?*

A. They ſhall judge the world, 1 *Cor.*6.2.

Q. *What ſhall the wicked have?*

A. Shame and everlaſting contempt, *Dan.* 12.2.

Q. *Wherein will the happines of the Saints be?*

A. To be ever with the Lord, 1 *Theſ.*4 17

Q. *What will be the miſery of the wicked?*

A. To be puniſhed with everlaſting deſtruction from the preſence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power, 2 *Theſ.*1.9.

Q. *Shall ſome ſaints have greater glory then others?*

A. Yes, they that turn many to righteouſnes ſhall ſhine as the ſtars for ever and ever, *Dan.* 12.3.

Q. *Shall ſome of the wicked have greater puniſhment then others?*

A. Yes, Some ſhal have greater damnation, *Luk.*20.47.

Q. *How great will the happines of the Saints be?*

A. Eye hath not seen, nor eare heard, neither have entred into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him, 1 *Cor.*3.9.

Q. *How great will the punishment of the wicked be?*

A. They shall bee cast into a furnace and lake of fire and brimstone, with the devil and his angels, where will bee weeping, gnashing of teeth and torment for ever, *Mat.* 13.50. *Rev.*21.8. *Mat.*25.41. *Luk.*16.24.

Q. *What should the Saints do when they consider this?*

A. Rejoyce in hope of the glory of God, *Rom.*5.2.

Q. *What should the wicked do when they consider this?*

A. To bee forewarned and flee from the wrath to come, *Mat.*3.7.

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A Brief Deſcription of the threefold ſtate of an Elect perſon, (viz) of nature, grace, glory, or, *out of Chriſt, in Chriſt, with Chriſt.*

Out of Chriſt.	*In Chriſt.*	*With Chriſt.*
1. I Was borne of the fleſh, *Joh.* 3.6.	I am born again of the ſpirit, *Joh.* 3.6.	I ſhall have a ſpirituall priviledge, *Ioh.* 1.12,13
2. I was all fleſh *Iob.* 3.6. *Gen.* 6.5. & 8.21.	I am fleſh and ſpirit, *Rom.* 7.20. 23. 25. *Gal.* 5 17.	I ſhal be all ſpirituall, 1 *Cor.* 15. 44. 50.
3. I warred after the fleſh, 2 *Cor.* 10.3. *Rom.* 8.4.	I walke in the ſpirit, *Gal.* 5. 16. *Rom.* 8.4.	I ſhall be quickened by the ſpirit, *Rom.* 8.11.
4. I did minde wholly the things of the fleſh, *Rom.* 8.5.	I doe minde chiefly the things of the ſpirit, *Rom.* 8.4.	I ſhall minde onely things ſpirituall.
5. I was dead in ſin: *Epheſ.* 2.1. 1 *Tim.* 5.6.	I am quickned from ſin, *Epheſ.* 2. 5.	I ſhall be quite freed of ſin.
6. I did lye in iniquity, 1 *Joh.* 5. 19.	I doe live in all piety, *Tit.* 2.12. 2 *Tim.* 3.12.	I ſhall enjoy perfect purity.
7. I was under the law of ſin and death, *Rom.* 8.2.	I am made free by the law of the ſpirit of life, *Rom.* 8.2.	I ſhall triumph over ſin and death 1 *Cor.* 15. 55 56, 57.
8. I did hate God and his law, *Pſal.* 139.21 & 81.15. & 2.3. *Rom.* 1. 30.	I doe love God and his law, *Pſal.* 116.1. & 119.127 1 *Joh.* 4.19.	I ſhall for ever delight in God, & doe his law.
9. I deſpiled all	I deſire all in-	I ſhall attaine in-

Out of Christ.	*In Christ.*	*With Christ.*
instruction, *Prov.* 1.7.	formation, *Prov.* 11.23. *Psal.* 86.11	clear apprehension, 2 *Cor.* 3.6.
10. I communicated with the vileſt ſinners, *Pſal.* 1.1. *Mat.* 24.49.	I keep company with the ſtricteſt Saints, *Cant.* 1.7. *Act.* 9.26. 1 *Joh.* 1.3.	I ſhall know all Saints & live with them, *Luk.* 13.28. *Mat.* 27.53. & 19.28. 1 *Theſ.* 3.13.
11. I perſecuted godlines, *Act.* 26.14,15.	I profeſſe it in power, 1 *Tim.* 6.12.	I ſhall have the price, *Phil.* 3.14.
12. I was one of the world, *Joh.* 15.18,19.	I am choſen out of the world, *Joh.* 15.19.	I ſhall be ſeparated from the world, *Mat.* 13.49. & 25.32,33.
13. I was in darkneſſe, 1 Pet. 2 9. *Epheſ.* 5.8.	I walk in the light, *Joh.* 8.12. 1 *Theſ.* 5.4.	I ſhall dwell with the light, 1 *Tim.* 6.16.
14. I was naked & bloudy, *Jer.* 6.15. *Ezek.* 16.7.	I am arrayed with the robe of Innocency, *Rev.* 19.8.	I ſhall be cloathed with immortality, 2 *Cor.* 5.3.
15. I was a ſtranger, *Epheſ.* 2.12.	I am Gods friend, *Iſa.* 41.8. *Joh.* 15.10.	I ſhal be his favourite for ever, *Prov.* 3.4. & 8.35.
16. I was an enemy, *Rom.* 5.10.	I am reconciled *Col.* 1.21.	I ſhall be ſaved, *Rom.* 5.10.
17. I was condemned, *Joh.* 3.18	I am juſtified, *Act.* 13.39. *Rom.* 3.24.	I ſhall Judge, 1 *Cor.* 6.2. *Mat.* 19.28.
18. I departed from God, *Jer.* 17 5.	I draw neer to God. *Heb.* 7.19.	I ſhal abide with God, *Joh.* 8.34.
19. I was Satans ſlave, 2 *Tim.* 2.26. *Act.* 26.18.	I am the Lords free man, 1 Cor. 7.22. *Gal.* 4.31. 1 Pet. 2.16.	I ſhall be a Citizen of Zion, *Epheſ.* 2.19.

Out of Christ.	*In Christ.*	*With Christ.*
20. I was free from righteouſneſſe, *Rom.* 6. 20.	I am free thorow righteouſnes, *Rom.* 3. 25. 2 *Pet.* 1. 1	I ſhall reign in righteouſneſſe, *Rom.* 5. 21.
21. I lived in feare, *Heb.* 2. 15. *Gal.* 4. 25. *Rom.* 8. 15.	I live by faith, *Gal.* 2. 20. 2 *Cor.* 5. 7.	I attain the end of my faith, 2 *Pet.* 1. 9.
22. I was without hope, *Epheſ.* 2. 12.	I rejoyce in hope, *Rom.* 5. 2.	I ſhall need no hope, 1 *Cor.* 13. 13
23. I was without all the promiſes, *Epheſ.* 2. 12.	I am under all the promiſes, 2 *Cor.* 1. 20.	I ſhall partake of all things promiſed.
24. I was the childe of the devill and of hell, 1 *Joh.* 3. 10. *Mat.* 23. 15.	I am a childe of God, and an heire of the world, *Gal.* 3. 26. 29. *Hebrews* 1. 2.	I ſhall bee an heire of God, and of heaven, *Rom.* 8. 17. *Heb.* 11. 7.
25. I was in conſtant danger, *Mat.* 5. 22.	I am in continuall ſafety, *Pſal.* 4. 8. *Joh.* 10. 28, 29	I ſhall be in an impregnable Sanctuary, *Iſa.* 45. 17.
26. I ſought to goe to heaven by my owne righteouſneſſe, *Rom.* 10. 3	I ſeek to goe to heaven without my owne righteouſneſſe, *Phil.* 3. 9.	I ſhall bee in heaven abſolutely righteous, *Epheſ.* 5. 27. *Jude* ver. 24.
27. I ſought my ſelf only, *Phil.* 2. 21. 2 *Tim.* 3. 2.	I ſeeke Gods glory chiefly, *Phil.* 1. 11. 1 *Cor.* 10. 31.	I ſhall give it to him wholly, *Rev.* 5. 12. 13.
28. I was loſt, *Luk.* 19. 10. 1 *Pet.* 2. 25.	I am found, *Luk* 15. 24.	I ſhall bee at home, 2 *Cor.* 5. 2.
29. I knew nothing, 1 *Cor.* 8. 2. *Rom.* 3. 11.	I know in part, 1 *Cor.* 13. 12.	I ſhall know even as alſo I am known.

30. my

Out of Christ.	*In Christ.*	*With Christ.*
30. *My* services were abominable, *Prov.*15,8.	*My* services are acceptable, 1 *Pet.* 2.5.	*My* services shall be rewarded, *Mat.* 6.4. & 10.41.
31. I was like a beast, *Psal.*73.22. & 45.12.	I am like a prince *Gen.*23.6. *Rev.* 1. 6.	I shall be like an Angel, *Luk.*20. 36.
32. *My* body was the temple of sin, *Rom.*6.12.	*My* body is the temple of the holy spirit, 1 *Cor.* 6. 19.	*My* body shall be raised spiritual 1 *Cor.*15.44.
33. I did glory in my shame, *Phi.* 3.19.	I am ashamed of my sin, *Rom.*6. 21.	I shall be without sin & shame, *Heb.*9.28.
34. I was like the dirt and mire most filthy, *Isa.*57 20.& 10.6.	I am like the moon in beauty, *Cant.*6.10.	I shall bee like the Sun in glory, *Mat.*13.43.
35. I sate in the shadow of death, *Luk.*1.79.	I doe sit virtually in the kingdome of life, *Ephes.* 2.6.	I shall sit on his Throne eternally *Mat.* 10. 40. *Revel.* 3.21.

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